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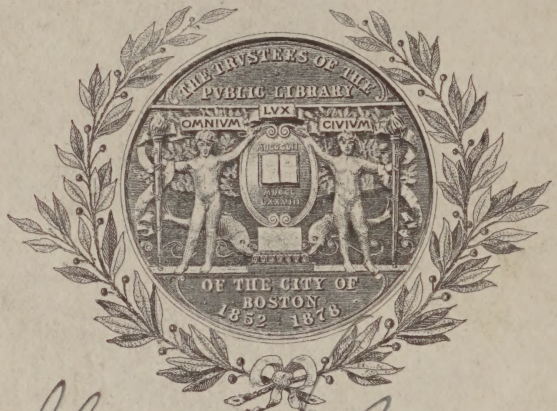

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REPORT OF PRELIMINARY SURVEY COMMITTEE

ON PLANS FOR THE

BOSTON TERCENTENARY.

AUTHORIZED BY MAYOR JAMES M. CURLEY, UPON RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE CITIZENS' PUBLIC CELEBRATIONS ASSOCIATION, TO MAKE A REPORT CONCERNING PLANS FOR THE OBSERVANCE IN 1930 OF THE 300TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SETTLEMENT OF BOSTON.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE REPORT.

Formal action, looking toward the observance in 1930 of the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Boston, had its inception in the following communication:

CITY OF BOSTON,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, January 21, 1924.

MR. FRANK CHOUTEAU BROWN, *President, Citizens' Public Celebrations Association*, Boston, Mass.:

MY DEAR MR. BROWN,— In view of the great historical importance of the year 1930, the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Boston, and considering the great length of time necessarily involved in suitable preparations for this tercentenary celebration, I believe that it is none too soon to inaugurate a preliminary survey of the project confronting us.

To this end, I would request that the Public Celebrations Association submit to me at the earliest possible moment a suggested tentative plan of survey organization for my consideration.

With appreciation of your organization's civic interest and efficient labors, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

JAMES M. CURLEY,
Mayor.

In compliance with the foregoing communication a committee of the association, with Hon. Frank Leveroni as chairman, prepared a plan of procedure providing for the appointment of a "Preliminary Survey Committee on Plans for the Boston Tercentenary." In order to provide for immediate expenses, a modest appropriation was placed at the disposal of the committee, in accordance with the following action:

CITY OF BOSTON,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, March 31, 1924.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,— The tercentenary anniversary of the settlement of Boston will occur in 1930, and it is desirable that this important occasion be properly observed.

It is essential upon this important occasion, marking as it does three centuries of progress, that a program be considered

for the succeeding century that will be of value to the people economically, commercially, industrially and socially.

The period of six years should prove ample for the consideration of problems, upon the equitable solution of which the happiness of the people and the development of the city so greatly depend, and that there may be neither undue haste nor unwarranted delay, I recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY,
Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of $300 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by the Public Celebrations Association Survey Committee for 1930, under the direction of the Mayor, for the purpose of a survey for the great tercentenary celebration in 1930, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund when made.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the City Council reported favorably and the order was passed on the same day.

The plan outlined having thus received official sanction the committee was immediately organized and held its first meeting on Wednesday, April 23, 1924.

PERSONNEL OF PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

Frank Chouteau Brown, *Chairman.*

John B. Archibald.	James H. Phelan.
Edward L. Curran.	Walter K. Watkins.
Elisabeth M. Herlihy.	Eva Whiting White.
Frank Leveroni.	Everett B. Mero, *Secretary.*

ADVISORS.

J. Philip O'Connell, *Director of Public Celebrations.*

Frank H. Chase. William Carroll Hill. Wilfred E. Kelley.

The work done by the committee in its attempt to interpret the public mind, as well as to formulate its own conclusions, is set forth in the accompanying report. The approval of his Honor the Mayor and the action of the City Council in authorizing a further appropriation for the purpose of carrying on the work as outlined in the report itself, appear on the final pages of this document.

THE REPORT OF THE PRELIMINARY SURVEY COMMITTEE.

BOSTON, September 2, 1924.

HON. JAMES M. CURLEY,
Mayor of the City of Boston:

DEAR SIR,— The "Preliminary Survey Committee on Plans for the Boston Tercentenary," appointed by your Honor in March, 1924, upon recommendations made at your request by the Citizens' Public Celebrations Association, to make a report concerning the observance in 1930 of the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Boston, and a plan of organization therefor, has complied with your communication in the matter and submits herewith a statement of its conclusions, together with comments and recommendations.

PROCEDURE.

The committee decided that its first work was to ascertain the public mind on the subject. Therefore a letter and a questionnaire were prepared and several hundred copies were distributed. At the same time the newspapers were notified that the committee was ready to receive suggestions from any individuals or organizations interested. Weekly meetings have been held, together with numerous conferences of subcommittees devoted to the discussion of various details of a general program. Information has been gathered by correspondence, and by personal contact, concerning previous and proposed celebrations of like nature; communication has been established with officials having to do with the Pilgrim Tercentenary in 1920, the recent Tercentenary in New York City, the pending Tercentenary of the Declaration of Independence being planned in Philadelphia, the 175th anniversary of Halifax in August, and the Canadian National Exhibition and pageant to be held in Toronto in September, as well as with the Wembley exposition in England and other affairs similar in principle but less extensive in scope.

PUBLICITY.

The questionnaire and letter were mailed in May to individuals and representatives of organizations throughout the city. From the replies received a fairly satisfactory cross-section of public opinion has been obtained regarding the desirability of a Tercentenary observance and concerning several essential phases of advance preparation. A copy of the questionnaire and a summary of the replies accompany the report. (See pages 15–17.)

A public meeting was held in the Council Chamber of City Hall, Tuesday evening, June 15. Considerable publicity was given through the editorial and news columns of the daily press relative to this meeting as well as to the questionnaire and other work of the committee.

GENERAL CONCLUSION.

Certain obvious conclusions have been reached, the principal one being that there should be an appropriate observance of the Tercentenary anniversary. This conclusion, which is unanimous on the part of the members of the committee themselves, is further indorsed by the replies to the questionnaire as well as by editorial comments in the newspapers. Furthermore, the 200th anniversary of the settlement of Boston was observed in 1830 with a program elaborate for that time, as was also the 250th anniversary in 1880. It is more than ever incumbent upon her citizens and officials, therefore, to see that the 300th anniversary shall be recognized in a manner which shall be in keeping with her own high place among the cities of the nation and the world, both by reason of the precedents established, and because of the pride which all citizens should take in the progress which Boston has made, their belief in her traditions, their faith in her future, and their loyalty to her civic standards.

DATE OF CELEBRATION.

The actual date of the settlement of Boston has been fixed by historical authorities as September 17, 1630. It is the opinion of the Preliminary Survey Committee, therefore, that while the entire year 1930 should reflect the anniversary spirit, the actual celebration of the

event itself should focus upon the particular date thus designated. This committee accordingly believes that while the observance of all public holidays throughout that year should have as their background the consciousness of the passing of the third century milestone in the life of the municipality, the time from June 17 to September 17 — three months' duration — should be given over to a series of special events commemorative of the central feature.

EXTENT.

Inasmuch as Boston is the center of the metropolitan district, and the common meeting ground of the business and social activities of the locality, it is believed that every town and city within this radius should be privileged to participate in the observance of the anniversary. This would mean the co-operation of public officials, private citizens, organized groups and all interests throughout the metropolitan district, not only so far as the general Tercentenary observance is concerned, but also with the idea of correlating local and district celebrations and emphasizing the significance of all historical events which may be of particular importance in the different sections. This would naturally include appropriate recognition of the settlement of Charlestown in 1629, and of Dorchester the following year, as well as of such other communities in the metropolitan district as may be found to share in the same historical background.

The replies to the questionnaire indicate general favor of a celebration confined to Boston and the metropolitan district, accompanied by publicity and an invitation to come to Boston which shall have nation-wide, if not world-wide, appeal.

PERMANENT COMMITTEE.

Although 1930 may now appear to be too far distant to gain much attention from many of our citizenry, the time is none too long to properly arrange for the many details which are necessary in order to insure a celebration of the proper significance and magnitude. To this end the present Preliminary Survey Committee recommends that the work now started be continuous until the celebration shall have become part of the history of the city.

The recommendations are therefore made:

1. That a permanent "Boston Tercentenary Committee" be appointed with an appropriation sufficient to enable it to inaugurate the required organization and machinery for such continuous service. While it is believed that this permanent committee should eventually have a membership of three hundred persons, both for reasons of expediency and in recognition of the 300th anniversary which it contemplates, it is recognized that such a large group in the beginning would be unnecessary and would constitute a difficult and unwieldy vehicle of operation.

The Preliminary Survey Committee further recommends that the permanent "Boston Tercentenary Committee" be appointed in three installments of 100 members each, as follows:

(*a*) Appointment of the first 100 members by January 1, 1925, by the Mayor of Boston.

(*b*) Appointment of the second 100 members by January 1, 1927, in the following manner:

(1) Twenty-five members to be appointed by the Governor of the Commonwealth upon invitation of the Mayor of Boston;

(2) One by each mayor or board of selectmen in each city or town of the metropolitan district as it may be then constituted, such appointments to be upon invitation of the Mayor of Boston;

(3) The remainder of the 100 to be appointed by the Mayor of Boston.

(*c*) Appointment of the third 100 members by January 1, 1929, by the Tercentenary Committee as then constituted.

(*d*) Any vacancies occurring to be filled in the same manner and by the same authority as the original appointments.

2. That the present Preliminary Survey Committee to be continued until the organization of the permanent Tercentenary Committee, following the appointment of the initial 100 members, has been effected.

It is important that the work already started should be continued without interruption for the reason that with the opening of the fall season, many clubs and organizations will be preparing their programs for future activity and it is desirable that the question of the participation of each one in the approaching anniversary should receive proper consideration and attention. Several groups have already expressed an intention of giving the matter more detailed study upon the expiration of the vacation season.

If the above plan of organization which is based upon the assumption of co-operation on the part of the state and of the metropolitan district meets with your approval, the Preliminary Survey Committee will prepare and submit for your consideration a tentative list of names from which appointments to the permanent committee may be made at your discretion by January 1, 1925.

APPROPRIATION.

For the purpose of carrying on the work as herein outlined, the committee recommends that it be granted

an appropriation of $5,000 from the Reserve Fund. Any balance remaining unexpended from this amount would be available for the preliminary work of the permanent committee when organized.

The original appropriation for the Preliminary Survey Committee was only $300, and this has been expended for the questionnaire, postage, public meeting, clerical work and necessary incidentals.

The amount of work done and the results obtained at such small expense to the city have been due to much volunteer service. It would have been impossible otherwise.

Philadelphia appropriated $50,000 for the first work of its preliminary committee, in 1921, in preparation for its 1926 celebration, but your committee does not at this time foresee the need for an appropriation of any such size and considers the $5,000 requested will be sufficient until the regular budget provision may be made for next year.

METHOD OF FINANCING.

A majority of the men and women who replied to the questionnaire favored a joint method of financing the Tercentenary celebration, with appropriations by the state and city, together with private subscriptions. This committee favors this joint method in the belief that the character of the event to be commemorated warrants such financial as well as other forms of interest on the part of all the people of the community as well as in the belief that such an arrangement is in accord with the principles of sound municipal economics.

The national and state governments will, if precedents are followed, eventually appoint commissions and make appropriations for the Boston Tercentenary.

EXPENSE.

The Preliminary Survey Committee has not attempted to hazard a guess as to the ultimate cost of the proposed Tercentenary celebration. This must necessarily wait until the permanent organization is functioning and a program has been definitely outlined. As little as $100,000 and as much as $20,000,000 have been mentioned for different plans so far proposed. The Preliminary Committee is willing to go on record in favor of a celebration which shall be worthy of the

event it is to commemorate and one that shall attract generous and approving attention as well as co-operation and participation, local, state and national, all being desirable, without being unduly alarmed if the cost estimate looms large at first sight.

Form and Scope.

It seemed to the Preliminary Survey Committee that its function was mainly preparatory, and that it was not expected, even if this were the time, to attempt to determine the exact form the celebration should assume in 1930. This problem may be worked out by the permanent committee. But the present committee has ventured to make tentative recommendations as to what appear to be obvious features, and to summarize various suggestions advanced.

The returned questionnaires emphasize numerous features which might be included in the general celebration, as may be noted by the attached digest of the replies received. There is evidenced a strong desire for due recognition of our historical background, our educational advantages and our commercial activity. Civic welfare, music, art, religion, home life, athletics, recreation, and cultural features are advanced. Distinctive street decorations, district celebrations, fireworks, water carnival, daily presentation of significant events with addresses, a worthy monument to the founders of Boston, reproduction of the Boston Tea Party, naval review, special Tercentenary coin and stamps, aerial exhibition,— all these and other features would find proper places in the final program and it would be the task of the permanent committee to arrange it all harmoniously and effectively.

Pageant.

An historical pageant, if undertaken properly, and on a large enough scale, should certainly prove to be an important part of the Tercentenary celebration. It might be planned to be given during the first and last months of the celebration period, with two or three performances a week. If properly planned and managed it should fully pay its own expenses, and might even turn over some profit to the city.

It should only be attempted, however, on condition that the city undertake to provide, at some acceptable

and convenient spot, a permanent open-air auditorium with proper seating facilities, which could afterwards be available for other outdoor civic celebrations, such as Columbus Day and the community program of July 4, for public meetings to be addressed by speakers, etc., and at other times available for open-air sports, as it could be planned so as to be adapted for both functions.

Exposition.

There seems to be considerable support as well as opposition to the idea of a world's fair or exposition as a part of the celebration of Boston's Tercentenary. Your present committee is unable at this date to advise definitely either for or against such a form of interesting the country in our local celebration. There are bills now pending before Congress and the Massachusetts Legislature making provision for a national exposition of some sort to be held in this country in 1930.

Certainly no city other than Boston would have as good a right to be the location for such a form of celebration in that year — provided only it seemed advisable for Boston to undertake so ambitious a project. It will not be possible to settle this matter intelligently until next winter, and this committee merely recommends at this time that the permanent Boston Tercentenary Committee — when appointed — be advised immediately to study and come to definite conclusions in regard to this matter at the earliest possible date.

The present committee does feel, however, that, in some ways, a more nationally appealing form of advertising to the country the commercial importance, and the manufactured products of Boston, of Massachusetts, and of New England might be a good business venture, and would justify the money and energy it would require to be made successful. The committee also believes that a proper form of exposition (not necessarily a world's fair) could be devised to secure this desired end, possibly housed in some buildings that might be made a permanent part of a future port development, and that once erected could as well forward Boston's facilities for water transport without lighterage charges, and place these accessible opportunities before the country in a spectacularly successful fashion.

It might be, with one large and adequately permanent building, that various Boston and New England indus-

tries would in succession during that year show their products to a series of conventions that could be planned to bring to Boston during 1930 all the representatives of the important industries of the world with which the people of Boston and New England are affiliated.

Civic Betterments.

The proposal has been made and favored by the Preliminary Survey Committee that the preparations for the Tercentenary might be so arranged that there would be a series of civic achievements culminating in the main events of 1930. Such a series of civic developments and betterments might include such a comparatively simple but none the less important matter as a policy of shade tree planting on streets and in sections to be designated, or the development might deal with the accomplishment of the long delayed adequate recreation service for the whole city, by which the supervision and development of the municipal parks, playgrounds, gymnasium, water facilities, and the deferred systematic utilization of municipal buildings, might, step by step, become an accomplished fact in Boston. The Tercentenary Committee could arrange for the initial plans and endeavor to secure co-operation with the various departments and organized groups concerned. An adequate recreation service for Boston by 1930, with improvements added year by year until then, would be a popular and desirable achievement of the Tercentenary period.

Should the creation of adequate recreation service, to equal the opportunities already provided, be undertaken as one of the Tercentenary permanent achievements, it should logically include a survey of the privately conducted forms of recreation and their relation to municipal opportunities and needs in the proposed development.

Permanent Achievement.

The Preliminary Survey Committee believes, and this opinion is borne out by a large majority of suggestions received from various sources, including replies to the questionnaire, that the celebration of Boston's Tercentenary in 1930 should leave behind it something well worth while, substantial and monumental, and designed for the future advance of the city, in the way

of a definite permanent achievement. Whatever the form of the achievement may be, it should be of such a character that work towards its creation would start considerably in advance of 1930.

This committee believes that, with the proper support and co-operation of the men, women and organizations of Boston and of the metropolitan district, a program could be developed which would provide for the creation of a worthy civic center within the limits of the City of Boston, which would at the same time be a permanent asset for the entire district and even for the state. Such an undertaking has been talked about for years. The same need which was recognized in Denver, Cleveland, San Francisco, Baltimore, Los Angeles, Pasadena, Detroit, Springfield and other cities, and which led to the adoption of plans, already completed or well under way, providing for an impressive grouping of public buildings in each community, exists in Boston today. The Tercentenary offers an appropriate opportunity to crystallize into being this long desired feature combining both public utility and civic beauty.

Municipal Auditorium.

One of the compelling thoughts behind the creation of these civic centers has been in nearly every instance the desire for a municipal auditorium. In practically every instance also, experience has proven that such a building has been, not alone an asset to the city from an architectural and an æsthetic point of view, but in addition a source of revenue over and above the expense of its own maintenance. The Preliminary Survey Committee believes, therefore, that a program calling for the creation of such a civic center as Boston should possess, with at least one main building in the form of a municipal auditorium, erected and dedicated for use during the 1930 celebration, is none too ambitious a plan to be indorsed and supported by a citizenry having pride in the past, confidence in the present, and faith in the future of the City of Boston.

This committee does not hesitate to urge this point even though it may be outside its intended functions when appointed by your Honor, because it feels that such an event as a Tercentenary needs a practical, tangible objective as well as the invaluable intangible objectives that the creation of such a celebration must have.

In Conclusion.

The Preliminary Survey Committee believes that the citizens of Boston will be especially privileged in their opportunity to participate in the observance of the approaching Tercentenary. It is an event which should arouse the highest sentiments of loyalty and civic pride to the elimination of all differences of race, riches, color, creed or party affiliations. The dominant thought during the period of development should be the unanimous and wholehearted participation of all of the people of the community in plans for the celebration of the 300th anniversary of a city whose influence has gone far toward shaping the practical as well as the artistic progress of the world.

There is outlined here a task for the next five or six years which, while having as its main objective the Tercentenary year, would also be calling attention to various local historical events and at the same time would furnish incentive and direction toward the accomplishment of improvements long desired and wholly advantageous. Under the guidance of a permanent Boston Tercentenary Committee, and especially of its executive committee and directing officials, an harmonious and constructive celebration may be planned and carried out with current and lasting benefit to the city and all that is inspired from Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

Preliminary Survey Committee,
Frank Chouteau Brown,
Chairman.

John B. Archibald.
Edward L. Curran.
Elisabeth M. Herlihy.
Frank Leveroni.
James H. Phelan.
Walter K. Watkins.
Eva W. White.

A QUESTIONNAIRE

RELATIVE TO A PROPER OBSERVANCE OF THE BOSTON TERCENTENARY IN 1930.

(*See pages 5 and 6 of report.*)

Submitted by the City of Boston Preliminary Survey Committee on plans for the Boston Tercentenary, to individuals and to organizations of the city, in order that all may have an opportunity to submit ideas or suggestions that will help in formulating such plans as may be adopted later.

1. Should Boston celebrate in 1930 the 300th anniversary of its settlement? Yes ..... No ..... Why? .....

2. If there is to be a celebration, at what time of the year and for how long a period should it be held?

.....

3. Suggest a slogan! .....

4. Can you suggest a central feature for such a celebration?

.....

5. What features should be emphasized in the celebration of such an anniversary in Boston, such as: Home life, Music, Art, Education, Historical, Religious, Recreation, Athletics, Pageantry, Cultural, Commercial or Business, Civic Welfare, etc.?

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6. Should such a celebration be financed from public or private funds, — by city, state, subscription, or jointly?

.....

7. Should the celebration plans result in some permanent achievement, or will a temporary celebration be sufficient?

.....

8. Is the committee at liberty to make use of your name in connection with your reply to this questionnaire?

.....

9. Should the celebration, if held, be confined (*a*) to Boston; (*b*) to the Metropolitan District; (*c*) to Massachusetts; (*d*) to New England; (*e*) or should it be made a national event?

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10. Additional Comments or Suggestions (brief):

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11. Is this questionnaire being returned by you as representative of an organization? .... Or as an individual?.....
If representing an organization, its name.....
and your official position therein.....
Signature.....
Address.....
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Note to Organizations.— Please give here the name and address of a representative of your organization for our mailing list, in order that we may have a recognized method of communication as opportunity arises.
Name.....Title.....
Address.....Telephone.....

Note to Individuals.— Please note local or other sources of information useful to the committee. Also names and addresses of individuals or organizations to whom this questionnaire might be sent with useful results.

LETTER ACCOMPANYING QUESTIONNAIRE.

This committee has been appointed for the purpose of preparing a preliminary report concerning plans for the observance in 1930 of the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Boston.

The observance of this Tercentenary is a matter in which every citizen and every organization in the City of Boston should take an active interest. In order that the present committee may have the advice and assistance of as representative a group as possible, a questionnaire is being sent out, a copy of which is inclosed, with the request that the inquiries noted thereon be answered as fully as possible and that additional suggestions be submitted.

The main object of this questionnaire is to indicate certain definite channels along which information may be received, but you are by no means restricted to the scope outlined in transmitting your ideas. It is not necessary for you to prepare detailed plans now; a digest of your suggestions in a few words will suffice. We especially desire an informal expression of opinion at this time which need not in any way bind you or any group with which you may be associated.

SUMMARY OF REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE.

Total replies received (to August 19, 1924), 145.

1. Should Boston celebrate its Tercentenary? Yes, 141.
   Why?
   - Historical value and reminder of the efforts and ideals of the founders.
   - Arouse civic spirit and pride locally among all citizens in co-operation.
   - Attract attention nationally to Boston and New England.

2. What time of year, and how long a period?
   - Whole year generally dedicated to Tercentenary, suggested by several.
   - Between May and October generally favored.
   - Two weeks to three months.

3. Slogan!
   - Numerous suggestions but not practical to make selections now.

4. Central Feature.
   - Emphasis on Boston of the future urged.
   - A pageant on a large scale, and one or more significant parades, specifically advocated by a considerable proportion.
   - A world exposition favored by several, and distinct opposition expressed by several.

5. What features should be emphasized?
   Favor was indicated in the order following to the items suggested by the questionnaire:

Historical	109	Commercial	79	Home life	63
Educational	97	Musical	68	Athletics	58
Pageantry	87	Religious	69	Cultural	58
Civic welfare	79	Artistic	65	Recreational	56

6. How should Tercentenary be financed?
   - Majority favored the joint plan — by city, state and private subscriptions.

7. Should celebration result in a permanent achievement? Yes, 96.
   Will a temporary celebration be sufficient? Yes, 35.

8. May the committee use your name? Usually "yes."

9. Should the celebration be confined to:

Boston	30	Massachusetts	5	National event	26
Metropolitan District	39	New England	14	International	5

Note.— Practically all replies were from individuals, as the questionnaire was sent out at a season when few organizations hold regular meetings. This was in harmony with the wishes of the committee, as expressions of individual opinion rather than action of organizations was wanted now.

COMMUNICATION FROM HIS HONOR THE MAYOR EXPRESSING APPROVAL OF THE GENERAL PROGRAM AS OUTLINED IN THE REPORT, INCLUDING PLAN FOR PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

CITY OF BOSTON,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, February 9, 1925.

MR. FRANK CHOUTEAU BROWN, *Chairman, Preliminary Survey Committee, Boston Tercentenary*, Boston, Mass.:

MY DEAR MR. BROWN,— I beg to acknowledge receipt of the very excellent and comprehensive report submitted by your committee upon the possible plans for the Tercentenary Celebration of 1930, and to express my appreciation of the splendid results achieved by their intelligent research and survey. The general recommendations offered suggest possibilities from which may be evolved a plan worthy of the City of Boston and of this great historical anniversary, and I particularly commend that section referred to as "Permanent Achievement."

In approval also of the plan for the creation of a committee of 300 according to the terms of your report, the first 100 of which I am asked to appoint at once, I would therefore request that your committee submit me a list of names comprising representatives of racial, religious, patriotic, industrial, educational and all other groups or units in our civic population, from which may be chosen the first 100 of the ultimate 300 as planned.

I regret that it was inadvisable to accede to the committee's request for a further appropriation for 1924, but in order to provide for a reasonable financial provision to carry on the work as outlined, I have this day been pleased to recommend to the City Council an appropriation of $7,500 for this purpose for the year 1925.

Again thanking you and your committee for their meritorious service in behalf of the City of Boston, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

JAMES M. CURLEY,
Mayor.

AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATION FOR PERMANENT ORGANIZATION.

CITY OF BOSTON,
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR, February 9, 1925.

To the City Council:

GENTLEMEN,— The tercentenary of the settlement of Boston will take place in 1930. Committees have been organized and the work has progressed to the point that now renders it necessary that an appropriation be made in order that the celebration of this important event may be conducted in keeping with the history and tradition of our beloved city.

I accordingly recommend the adoption of the accompanying order.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. CURLEY,
Mayor.

Ordered, That the sum of $7,500 be and hereby is appropriated to be expended by Boston Tercentenary Committee, under the direction of the Mayor, for preliminary work in connection with the tercentenary observance of the settlement of Boston, said sum to be charged to the Reserve Fund when made.

Referred to the Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee of the City Council reported favorably, and the order was passed February 9, 1925.

The Preliminary Survey Committee then proceeded to prepare recommendations as to details of organization of the permanent "Boston Tercentenary Committee." This work is in progress as this report is concluded.

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